



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

Urban County Council

FROM: Polly Ruddick, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: November 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Medical Respite Program expands to provide respite for colonoscopies.

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Request

Authorization to: Execute a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the agreement with Bluegrass Care Navigators to expand the Medical Respite Care Program at a cost not to exceed \$11,000 to provide medical respite care for those experiencing homelessness that have been referred for a full colonoscopy procedure.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: The Kentucky Cancer Link operates a state grant to cover all medical costs associated with full colonoscopies for individuals that are low income and between the ages of 45 and 72. The Kentucky Cancer Link would like to use these funds to target individuals currently experiencing homelessness. However, when individuals experience homelessness, there is not a suitable location for procedure prep and recovery. Therefore they cannot receive the necessary medical treatment as prescribed by their provider. This additional funding will provide prep and recovery services covered under the Medical Respite Program allowing individuals to receive, a possible, lifesaving procedure. Kentucky Cancer Link has not only partnered with the Office of Homelessness and Blue Grass Care Navigators, but HealthFirst Bluegrass to provide ongoing medically care. The goal of this program is to provide 100 individuals with full colonoscopies and follow-up care by June 30, 2020.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$11,000

The cost for future FY is: \$0



Are the funds budgeted?

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process: Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Ruddick/Hamilton

